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Korea's Adjustment and In-Quota Tariffs for 2010

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Report Highlights:

Korea recently announced changes to its 2010 tariff schedule for certain agricultural products, most of which are used for livestock feed production. These changes will facilitate continued imports of U.S. feed grains.

General Information:

Adjustment Tariffs & Voluntary TRQs Announced for 2010

On December 22, 2009, the Ministry of Strategy and Finance (MOSF) published updated adjustment tariffs (Table I) and voluntary TRQs (Table II) for selected agricultural, forestry and fishery products. These revisions are effective through calendar year 2010. These changes are expected to facilitate continued imports of U.S. agricultural products, particularly feed grains and ingredients. The most notable changes are listed below.

Feed Grains & Ingredients

- Whey for feed: In-quota duty lowered from 9 percent to 4 percent within the 35,000 MT TRQ. Korea imported 13,489 MT from the United States out of a total 21,499 MT in 2009
- Unhulled barley for feed: TRQ increased from 50,000 MT to 100,000 MT with an in-quota duty of 4 percent.
- Animal fat for feed: TRQ increased from 25,000 MT to 50,000 MT with an in-quota duty of 4 percent. Korea imported 6,938 MT from the United States out of a total 55,360 MT in 2009.
- Cotton seed oil cake for feed: TRQ quantity increased from 100,000 MT to 165,000 MT with an in-quota duty of 1 percent.

Food

- Refined sugar: In-quota duty for 2010 set at 35 percent with an unlimited quantity.

Table I. Adjustment Tariffs for CY 2010

(Effective as of January 1, 2010)

HS No.	Commodity	WTO Bound Rate	Adjustment Tariff		
			2009	2010	Changes
0301 (Live)	Eel 0301 92	None	27 A/	27 A/	-
	Sea-bream 0301 99	None	34 B/	31 C/	- 3
	Sea bass 0301 99	None	34	31	- 3
	Croaker 0301 99	None	34	31	- 3
0303 (Frozen)	Alaska Pollack 0303 79	None	30	30	-
	Saury, excluding horn fish 0303 79	None	31	31	-

	Croaker 0303 79	None	53	50	- 3
0306	Salted or brine shrimp 0306 23	None	42 D/	42 E/	-
0307	Squid (Frozen) 0307 49	None	22	22	-
0709	0709 59 Oak mushroom	90 F/	42 F/	40 F/	- 2
0712	0712 39				
1902	Chinese vermicelli 1902 19	54 G/	36 H/	32 I/	- 4
1904	Steamed or boiled rice 1904 90 1904 90	54	50	50	-
2103	Mixed seasonings (including red pepper paste) 2103 20	54	45	45	-
2103	Mae Joo (fermented soybean) 2103 90	54 J/	16	14	- 2
4412	Plywood 4412 31 4412 32 4412 39 4412 99	None	10	10	-

Source: Ministry of Strategy and Finance (MOSF)

Note:

A/ or 1,879 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

B/ or 2,292 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

C/ or 2,272 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

D/ or 287 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

E/ or 283 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

F/ or 1,625 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

G/ or 427 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

H/ or 284 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

I/ or 253 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

J/ or 218 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

Table II. Voluntary Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Quantities and In-quota rates for January 1 – December 31, 2010 Period

HS No.	Commodity	Base Tariff Rate	Quota Tariff Rate (%)		Trade (Metric ton)	
			2010 1/	2010 Quota (MT) 1/	2009 Total Imports 2/	2009 Imports from U.S. 2/
0404	Whey for feed 0404 10	20	4	35,000	21,499	13,489
0714	Manioc chips for alcohol 0714 10	20	10	160,000	226,825	0
0714	Manioc pellets for feed 0714 10	7	2	900,000	324,909	0
1002	Rye for seed 100200	3	2	3,000	13,121	6,668
1003	Malting barley 1003 00	30	15	24,500	11,450	0
1003	Unhulled barley for feed 1003 00	5	4	100,000	14,851	0
1005	Maize for feed 1005 90	3	Zero	9,000,000	5,882,004	4,980,027
1005	Maize for processing 1005 90	3	1	1,850,000	1,444,853	942,227
1107	Malt for beer brewing 1107 10 1107 20	30	15	190,000	165,216	10,615
1201	Soybean for oil crushing & oil cake for feed 1201 00	3	Zero	1,200,000	811,741	309,524
1214	1214 90	20	3	780,000 3/	230,515	125,250
2308	Fodder roots and other vegetables for feed 2308 00	5				
1518	Animal or vegetable fat for feed 1518 00	8	4	50,000	55,360	6,938
1701	Raw sugar 1701 11 1701 12	New	Zero	Unlimited	1,645,947	10
1701	Refined sugar 1701 91 1701 99	35 4/	35	Unlimited	5,099	1,293
2303	Brewing or distilling dregs & waste for feed 2303 30	5	2	920,000	387,484	348,840
2304	Soybean Oil-cake for feed 2304 00	1.8	1	2,700,000	1,692,999	144,450
2306	Cotton seed oil cake for feed 2306 10	2	1	165,000	19,651	0

4408	Sheets for veneering for plywood of thickness exceeding 0.4 mm 4408 10 4408 31 4408 39 4408 90	3	2	Unlimited	151,045	428
4411	Fiberboard of wood 4411 12 4411 13 4411 14	8	5	22,000 m3	61,158	83
5205	Cotton yarn 5205 12 5205 32	4	2	33,000	31,150	0

Source: The Ministry of Strategy and Finance (MSOF), Korea Trade Information Service (KOTIS)

Note:

1/ January 1 – December 31, 2010 period

2/ January 1 – December 31, 2009 period

3/ Consists of 720,000 MT for feed and 60,000 MT for mushroom growing

4/ Base duty rate for refined sugar down to 35 percent from the previous 40 percent in 2009.